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## **AMENDMENT**

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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: